

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE AND CULTURE REQUIREMENTS Policy F.3.C

Knowledge of aboriginal history and culture will benefit all Frontier School Division students by providing them with an increased awareness of and sensitivity to aboriginal aspirations. Moreover, knowledge of their culture and heritage is vital to the development of identity and self-esteem of aboriginal students. Therefore, the following is required in all Division schools:

1. Kindergarten to Grade 8

Division-approved Native Studies resources will be integrated into provincial Social Studies curricula from Kindergarten to Grade 8 so that the relevant cultural outcomes specified by Manitoba Education can be achieved.

2. High School

All students in Frontier School Division are required to have a credit in at least one aboriginal studies course in order to receive a Frontier School Division diploma. Two options are available to students:

- a. *Manitoba's Aboriginal Peoples* (Aboriginal Studies 31G) has been developed by Frontier School Division for use in all Division high schools.
- b. *Current Topics in First Nations, Metis and Inuit Studies* has been developed by Manitoba Education for implementation in September, 2009.

3. Adult Education Students (Mature Student Program)

Adult Education students are exempted from this policy.

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